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Title: "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MINING HYDROCARBON-CONTAINING MATERIALS"

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This is a Continuation of co-pending prior application number 10/272,852, filed October 16, 2002, which is a divisional application of pending prior application No. 09/797,886 filed March 5, 2001 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,554,368), which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial Nos. 60/188,792, filed March 13, 2000, to Drake, et al.; 60/189,608, filed March 15, 2000, to Drake, et al.; 60/203,841, filed May 12, 2000, to Drake, et al.; 60/241,957, filed October 20, 2000, to Drake, et al.; and 60/243,531, filed October 25, 2000. The entire disclosure of the prior applications, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, are considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Enclosed for filing with the above-identified utility patent application, please find the following:

1. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
2. Copy of Oath/Declaration from the above-referenced pending prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
3. Copy of Power of Attorney from the above-referenced pending prior application
4. New Specification. Applicant submits this new Specification containing a title, cross-reference to related applications and a new set of claims. Applicant submits that no new matter is contained in this new Specification.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS/PTO-1449)
6. Return Postcard (MPEP 503) (*should be specifically itemized*)
7. A check in the amount of \$1,186.00 is enclosed.

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	(COL. 1) NO. FILED	(COL. 2*) NO. EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY		RATE	FEE	LARGE ENTITY	
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BASIC FEE:					\$370.00	OR		\$740.00
TOTAL CLAIMS:	92	-	20	72	X \$9 =	\$648.00	OR	X \$18 =
INDEP. CLAIMS:	7	-	3	4	X \$42 =	\$168.00	OR	X \$84 =
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS				+ \$140 =	\$0.00	OR	+ \$280 =	
*IF THE DIFFERENCE IN COL. 2 IS LESS THAN ZERO, ENTER "0" IN COL. 2.				TOTAL:	\$1,186.00			

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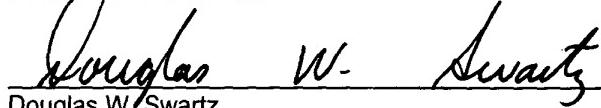
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3. [X] The Small Entity Statement was filed in the above-referenced prior application. Small Entity status is still proper and desired.
4. [X] The Power of Attorney appears in the original papers of the prior pending application.
5. [X] The prior application is assigned to Oil Sands Underground Mining, Inc..
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